

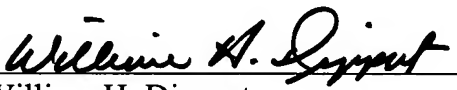
REMARKS

In the amendments above, Claims 1 to 8 have been cancelled in favor of newly added Claims 9 to 17.

Claims 1 to 8 were rejected for "double patenting" in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,317,631. Applicants believe that cancellation of Claims 1 to 8 above renders discussion of this rejection moot.

Consideration and allowance of Claims 9 to 17 are respectfully requested.

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